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NOW AN ICE SHEET

Another Variety of Weather Inflieted on the City.

LONG-SUFFERING CITIZENS REVOLT

The Future is Clouded in Obscurity and Doubt.

THE REST OF THE WORLD

The weather situation today throughout the country is very complicated and it is difficult to tell at this time just what the outcome of the existing conditions will be. Barometrically speaking there are three "depressions," or storm centers, on the map this morning, an additional southwester having formed in western Texas. The two storms stated yesterday as moving in this direction continue on their way. The picket lines of the advancing forces have already surrounded Washington, the first attack coming about 11 o'clock this morning, when an icy, dreary, heartbreaking rain began to patter and pour. The northwestern storm is one of slow development and has moved hesitatingly. The present outlook is that this storm will come in contact with the southwestern enemy somewhere in the Ohio valley, the ensuing combat promising relief for this section. Washington is not to escape, however, for the storm which was in the gulf yesterday is moving rapidly up the Atlantic coast and will be the one with which this part of the country will have to deal. The coast storm is accompanied by heavy rains and high winds. The disturbance was central this morning off Savannah and Charleston, where the wind is blowing at the rate of forty-eight miles an hour. This velocity will hardly be reached in Washington, but the gale will nevertheless be quite apparent.

After two days of pleasant sunshine weather-stricken Washington is once more suffering from precipitation. The disagreeable predictions of the weather bureau were unhappily true again. The precipitation came in the shape of rain throughout the morning and early afternoon, which froze as soon as it fell, making the sidewalks and packed snow dangerously slippery. The temperature, slightly below the freezing point, is such as to make a correct statement regarding the precipitation impossible. The conditions favor either snow, sleet or continued rain, the character of Mr. Pluvius' bountiful downpour being likely to change at any moment. There is no relief in sight, and for the next twentyfour hours the weather will be gloomy, dismal and depressing. The temperature will remain about freezing, as there is no cold wave perceptible in any part of the country. There was not a zero report this morning, showing clearly that the whole mtry has at last freed itself from the bleak class of Jack Frost, even though his visit remains very much in evidence, the heavy blanket of snow being a reminder not easily to be forgotten.

Henry Rains.

Heavy rains are reported throughout the south Atlantic states. The downpour is accompanied by higher temperature and the southern thaw has already set in. The clouds are banked heavily above Washing ton today, and the precipitation, in what ever form it may come, will be exceptionally heavy. The rain may give away to snow or sleet at any time without causing the least bit of surprise to the weather prophets. The cold for the season is about at an end. The minimum temperature this morning was 10 degrees above zero, as against 6 below vesterday. At noon the

mercury had climbed to 27 degrees above. Patience has ceased to be a virtue in the capital city, and Washington's erstwhile contented citizens are today outspoken it their condemnation of such a continued infliction of the very worst weather that can be manufactured. There have been temporary breaks only in the very nasty conditions since the ground-hog scurried back into his hole two weeks ago, afraid of his shadow. This actions on the part of the knowing little animal gave the superstitious their cue, and they were the only ones prepared for the continued attacks of the elements. Snow and wind have swooped down you the city with a vengeance and a eming purpose to obliterate the neighbor. Good from the face of the earth. To vary

the program, the monotonous fall of the fleecy, today brings rain and wind. With the coming of more rain and a fall of sleet probable Washington's cup of bit terness will be filled to overflowing. A wizand who might conjure fair weather for a week or two would find most profitable em-

Dangerous Walking.

The clouds which obscured the sun from the time of rising gradually increased in darkness as the morning wore on, casting a gloomy pall over a city which was yesterday glistening in pure white raiment. About the hour of 11 this morning the weather man's awful precipitation began its downward career, freezing as it fell. Umbrellas were soon stiff with an ley covering. Those who were out for any length of time without "parachutic" protection were soon wearing hats trimmed in the latest style-a fringe of leicles dangling from the outer

The slippery streets became even more dangerous with the addition of this second cangerous with the addition of this second covering of ice, and numerous falls resulted. During the morning the emergency room of the Emergency Hospital was constantly filled with persons who had broken fingers and sprained limbs in their falls.

Snow is still being carted and hauled away as fast as the force of 2,000 men can carry on such an extensive operation. The sidewalks are all very marry devoid can carry on such an extensive operation. The sidewalks are all very marry devoid of snow in the business portion of the city, while passageways wide enough for two have been cut through the deeper drifts of the residence sections.

old saying about it being an ill wind which blows nobody good is again in evidence, for enterprising merchants have taken advantage of the high piles of snow in front of their establishments, placing on the summit of the piles all sorts of ad-

Snow Twenty Feet Deep.

Messis. Adolf Beyer, Ira B. Sweeney and William Kennedy have requested the District Commissioners to open a road through the snow drifts on the Anacostia or South River road, one mile beyond Congress Heights, which drifts are said to extend for about three-fourths of a mile, and as for about three-fourths of a mile, and as being in some places twenty feet deep. It was stated that the road is completely blocked, and the Commissioners were asked to put the men in the street cleaning department at work in opening it. The Commissioners took the matter under advise-ment, but it is understood that they do not feel warranted in putting the men on the

Dr. Hitchcock Contradicts Testimony of Cornish and Hovey.

Both Had Testified There Was No Suspicion of Poisoning at First.

NEW YORK, February 16 .- The most important feature in the inquest in the Adams poisoning case yesterday was that the testimony of Dr. E. F. Hitchcock, who attended Mrs. Adams in her last moments, were in direct conflict with the testimony of Harry S. Cornish and Frederick E. Hovey, both of whom were in Mrs. Adams' flat when she died. Dr. Hitchcock testi-

fied that the boy who summoned him told him that he was wanted immediately, as "a party had been poisoned." The witness also stated that in the hearing of Cornish and Mrs. Rogers, the daughter of the murdered woman, he said that "a diabolical crime had been committed." Cornish repeatedly stated while on the wit-Cornish repeatedly stated while on the witness stand that no suspicion that a crime had been committed had been suggested to him until two or three days after the death of Mrs. Adams, and Hovey also insisted that no suggestion that a crime had been committed was made on the day of Mrs. Adams' death. The doctor also testified that he asked Cornish repeatedly if he had any enemies who could have designs on his life, and Cornish assured him that he had no enemies and suspected nobody. he had no enemies and suspected nobody. Dr. Hitchcock further said that he had a talk with Dr. Potter, who was also in at-tendance, on what the poison bottle contained. While they were talking Cornish, Mrs. Rogers and Hovey entered the room. One point on which Dr. Hitchcock contradicted the testimony of Hovey related to the condition of the bottle of poison. The doctor stated that he saw no paraffine

symptoms similar to those shown by Mrs. Adams.

Cornish asked: "Can it be anything else but brome-seltzer?" and the doctor replied that it certainly could.

bout the cork or mouth of the bottle, while

Hovey in his testimony said that the cork was covered with paraffine. Dr. Hitchcock described how Cornish was taken sick with

TEN FIREMEN INJURED.

Wall Collapses at Baltimore Fire-Blazes Elsewhere.

BALTIMORE, February 16,-By the colapse of a wall during the progress of a small fire today at the building of the Baltimere Barrel Company, No. 213 McElderry wharf, ten firemen were injured. The wall carried down with it a ladder upon which the men were standing, playing a line of hose upon the flames. It is thought that none of the men were dangerously injured. The money loss will not exceed a few thousands of dollars.

sands of dollars.

SHELTON, Conn., February 16.—As the result of a fire Joseph Polakowski is badly injured and his wife is suffering from burns which will probably prove fatal. The couple were awakened by intense heat and found their bed clothing in a blaze, having ignited from a stove close by. Polakowski jumped from bed and sprang headlong through a closed window into a snow drift. He was badly cut by the glass and also burned. His wife, with her baby in her arms, rushed out of doors, her clothing a mass of flames, and rolled over and over in the snow. The baby was only slightly in the snow. The baby was only slightly injured, but the woman was badly burned about the body. Neighbors extinguished the lames in the house, little damage resulting. CHESTER, Pa., February 16.-The Crown ng Company's foundry was destroyed this morning. Loss, \$20,000; partialinsured.

PHILADELPHIA, February 16.—Fire early this morning at 211, 213 and 215 Church street caused an aggregate loss on uilding and contents of about \$60,000

CHICAGO'S TELEPHONE FRANCHISE. City to Receive Percentage During Last Twenty Years.

CHICAGO, February 16.-The ordinance of the Illinois Telephone and Telegraph Company, after being amended to meet some requirement of the mayor, has been passed by the city council by a vote of 53

The ordinance as amended provides for a franchise for thirty years, covering all the territory inside the limits of the city of Chicago.

The compensation to be paid the city is nothing for the first ten years, 3 per cent of the gross receipts for the second ten years, 5 per cent for the next five years and 7 per cent for the remaining five years. In all conduits one duct shall be given to the city, and the city can use all the com-

The cost of telephones shall not be more than \$85 a year for business instruments, \$50 for residences and \$125 for public tele-

city is given a number of telephone free, and can rent instruments for fire and police use for \$5 a year.

An option is given the city to purchase the plant at the expiration of the franchise.

TRIAL OF PROF. STEPHENS.

Charged With Setting Fire to Pardee Hall, Easton, Pa.

EASTON, Pa., February 16.-The mornng session of the trial of Prof. Stephens, charged with setting fire to Pardee Hall, was taken up with the testimony of Prof. W. B. Owen of Lafayette College and E. J. Fox, a trustee of the same institution. The defense had claimed that Stephens had made no confession to any one, except Detective Johnson, and that this confes sion was made under an agreement that leniency was to be extended him.

JACK THE HAIR CLIPPER.

Caught in Chicago in Act of Shearing

a Braid. CHICAGO, February 18 .- J. W. Jorgenon, or "Jack, the hair-clipper," as he has been known for the last four years, was arrested last night while in the act of cutting a braid from the head of Erna Fransky. When seized Jorgenson severely cut one of the police officers with his shears.

A long braid of hair was found in Jorgenson's pocket when he was searched, and later he confessed that he had cut the hair from the heads of 300 girls and women. Jorgenson says his strange mania took hold of him four years ago, after an illness of several months.

Fatal Quarrel Over a Woman. SAN FRANCISCO, February 16 .- During quarrel over a woman on Jersey street Charles Beale shot George Fulford in the breast, inflicting a fatal wound. Beale then sent a bullet through his own brain and

To Court-Martial Spanish Captains. MADRID, February 16 .- All the surviving captains of Spanish warships destroyed in he naval battles off Santiago de Cuba and in Manila bay by the American fleets will be court-martialed.

died in a few minutes.

Consul Lomeli Changes Station. SAN DIEGO, Cal., February 16.-Antonio V. Lomeli, the Mexican consul in this city, has received notice that he has been appointed consul general for British Henduras. He will leave for his new post in a

of Inquiry.

The Commanding General Expect- Monster Banquet to Be Given in Several Skirmishes of Minor Imed to Appear First.

ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL

All the members of the court of inquiry convened by order of the President to investigate the charges of Major General Miles concerning the food furnished the army have arrived in Washington, with the expectation of organizing the court today. Major General James F. Wade, president of the court, finally got through the snow blockade between here and Pittsburg late last night. Brigadier General George W. Davis also arrived here from Cuba last night. Colonel George L. Gillesple came on from New York, where he is stationed, and Lieutenant Colonel Davis, the recorder of the court, also turned up this morning. The court was ordered to meet yesterday, but the snow blockade prevented a literal compliance as to time of meeting.

General Miles, whose charges led to the court of inquiry, had returned today, after being snowbound at New York.

The quarters for the court are those in the Lemon building recently used by the

Assembling of the Court.

Colonel Gillespie was the first member of the court to put in an appearance today, and was followed by General Wade, who was in civillan dress, not being sure that the court would begin its sessions today. General Wade said that the court probably would organize today and clear the way for the inquiry proper to proceed tomorrow. The court is directed "to investigate certain The court is directed "to investigate certain allegations of the major general commanding the army in respect to the unfitness for issue of certain articles of food furnished by the subsistence department to the troops in the field during the recent operations in Cuba and Porto Rico. In addition to the findings of facts, the court will submit an opinion upon the merits of the case, together with such recommendations as to further proceedings as may seem to be warranted by the facts developed in the course of inquiry." course of inquiry."

Col. Davis, the recorder, wearing fatigue

uniform, came to the court with a large bundle of documents and a copy of the

This brought all the members of the court together for the first time. Gen. Wade sat at the head of the long table where the sessions will be held, and around him were ground. him were grouped the other members of the court in an informal discussion of the line of action to be adopted. As Col. Gil-lespie was the only one in full uniform the ourt did not present that brilliancy which characterizes the formal meeting of a mili-tary court. Individually the members were of distinguished bearing and dignity.

Formal Meeting Deferred.

As a result of the informal conference Col. Davis announced that the formal meeting of the court would be deferred until tomorrow morning. Owing to the absence from the city of the President and Secretary of War, the members of the court could not make the usual call of courtesy on them. It had not been determined, Col. Davis said, who would be the first witness, as that would be for the court to decide when it organized.

when it organized.

As recorder, Col. Davis has been getting together a list of witnesses who will be likely to shed light on the character of the food furnished. As General Miles is specifically named in the order convening the court as authority for the charges, it is rather expected that his testimony will be first taken as a basis for the subsequent inquiry. But as to this no decision has been made.

Neither has the court been informed thus far that General Miles will be represented by counsel. In the informal talks today t was stated that any one whose course of action was in any way involved had the right to be represented by counsel. This, it was stated, would permit beef concerns, as rell as any other firms or individuals directly involved in the inquiry, to be represented by counsel if they saw fit. There has been no notice of counsel, however, and no legal representatives were present today. During the day a communication was sent to the adjutant general, informing him that the members of the court had arrived and were about to proceed with their work in accordance with the order convening the court. Governor Woodbury, one of the members of the war investigating commission, called while the members of the court were in in-formal conference, and had a long private

Exposition of Electrical Appliances Consul Roosevelt, at Brussels, has informed the Secretary of State that the Belgian Society of Electricians will open an exposition of all sorts of electrical appliances applicable to domestic uses in Brussels in May next. He says it is the purpose of the society to make a complete exhibition of the various uses to which electricity may be applied in the household. Besides appliances for illuminating purposes, there will also be exhibited small motors for operating dumb walters, cleaning and polishing shoes, heating kitchens, cooking stoves, bath rooms and bath tubs, electric teapots, sadirons, domestic telephones, and, in fact, all appliances operated by electricity. a view to the total suppression of the use of coal for domestic purposes.

talk with Col. Davis.

The Sterling Sails for Boston. The collier Sterling, which had been ex osed to danger at the breakwater during the storm, sailed at noon yesterday directly for Boston. She will be put out of cor sion when she arrives at that port.

Progress of the Funeral Ship.

Word has been received at the War Department that the funeral ship Roumania left San Juan yesterday for Ponce, on her way to Santiago. This vessel will bring to the United States the bodies of the soldiers who lost their lives in Cuba and Porto Rico-1.200 in all. All that are claimed by relatives or friends will be given interment in private cemeteries, and the remainde will be buried in the National cemetery at

Capital Traction Extensions. From the committee on the District of Columbia Mr. McMillan today made a favorable report to the Senate on House bill 8656, authorizing and requiring certain ex-tensions to the lines of the Capital Tractensions to the lines of the Capital Trac-tion Company. As reported the bill is with-

THE ADAMS POISONING CASE ALL MEMBERS HERE PRESIDENTINBOSTON FIRE ON INSURGENTS

Informal Meeting of the Miles Court | He and His Party Meet Hearty Re- | Gen. King's Troops Exchange Volleys ception at the Hub.

MAKING UP A LIST OF WITNESSES GUESTS OF HOME MARKET CLUB LATTER RETREAT TO THE JUNGLE

Honor of Visitors.

BOSTON, February 16.-President McKiney, with four members of his cabinet and other associates, arrived in Boston at 10:02 o'clock today. They came as the guests of the Home Market Club, a national organization of republicans. The members of the cabinet who came with the President were John D. Long, Secretary of the Navy; Gen. Russell A. Alger, Secretary of War Cornelius N. Bliss, Secretary of the Interior, and Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith.

In the party also are Representative C. H. Grosvenor, Secretary Porter and Private Secretary Cortelyou, Major Hopkins, Secretary Alger's aid, and Mr. Webster, the President's stenographer. Lyman J. Gage, Secretary of the Treasury, met the party on their arrival here, having come direct from Chicago last night.

Greeted by Crowds.

It seemed as if all Boston had turned out to bid the President and his cabinet welcome. Great crowds filled the cold train shed and pushed and jostled each other in an effort to get a view of the President, while the iron rafters rang with their cheers. Still larger was the throng which filled the streets around the station where the carriages which were to bear the party to their hotel were sta-tioned. Gov. Wolcott and his military staff were with Secretary Gage at the station to meet the President, and as soon as the introduction and greetings were con cluded the carriages were entered and, under escort of the 1st Battalion of Cav-alry, the visitors started for the Hotel Touraine, which is to be their headquarters during their stay in Boston.

Cheered as They Passed.

As the procession passed cheer upon cheer was given by the crowd, and upor all sides there were manifestations of cordial welcome. President McKinley was escorted to the state suite of apartments on

the first floor of the hotel.

The hospitality of the Home Market Club is to be extended to the distinguished gen-tlemen, who have accepted their invita-tion, chiefly in the form of the largest dinner ever given in this country, in the Me chanics' building here tonight.

Stay Will Be Brief. The stay of the visitors will be brief. asting until tomorrow afternoon; but it promises to be a memorable one in the history of the Home Market Club and for the citizens of Boston in general. The party will rest here until late this afternoo when they will start for the reception which will precede the banquet at Mechan-ics' Hall this evening. Tomorrow forenoor the visitors will visit the legislature, wher the President probably will deliver a short address, and at 10 o'clock they will breakfast at the Algonquin Club house as the guests of the Commercial Club, the mem-

pership of which includes many of the prominent business and professional mer of the city mediately after breakfast the party

will leave for Washington. Party Greeted at Providence.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., February 16 .-There was quite a gathering at the station to greet the President and his party as they passed through the city. In response to repeated calls, the President appeared on the platform for a moment and acknowledged the greetings of the people by lifting his hat, but he said nothing.

Secretary Bliss then stepped out and inroduced Secretaries Long master General Smith and General Grosvemaster General Smith and General Grosve-nor to the crowd. Secretary Bliss spoke of Congressman Grosvenor as "the great calculator." In response General Grosvenor remarked: "I calculate you have too much

snow down here." The crowd laughed. Boston Special Attached.

In the meantime the special car from Boston, bearing representatives of Governor Wolcott and a delegation from the Home Market Club of Boston, including the president, Wm. B. Plunkett, had been attached to the presidential train.

Just before the train started Adjutant General Sackett of Rhode Island boarded he car at the station and conveyed to President McKinley the respects of ernor Dyer. The welcoming party from Massachusetts waited until the train had crossed the state line before communicating with the President. Then the governor's representatives entered the tial car and formally welcomed the party o the commonwealth, and the committee of the Home Market Club also tendered their respects. The trip from Providence to Boston was void of any other event of interest.

President McKinley and party left Washington for Boston at 5:25 o'clock yesterday afternoon over the Pennsylvania railroad. The Pullman train, in charge of Conductor Ragan, is made up of the "Brutus," "May-licwer" and "Haslemere," The party con-sists of the President, Secretaries Alger, long and Bliss, Postmaster General Smith Representative Grosvenor, Mr. Porter and Mr. Cortelyou, secretaries to the President; Maj. Hopkins and Mr. Tharin, one of the White House doorkeepers. Mrs. Bliss, wife of Secretary Bliss, accompanied the party as far as New York.

MEMORIAL SERVICES IN CUBA.

Graves of the Maine Dead at Havana Decorated. Commandant Cromwell, at the Havana

navy yard, telegraphed the Navy Department last evening as follows: "HAVANA, February 15 .- Graves of dead

of the Maine decorated today. Ceremony beautiful and impressive. American ladies. adles of Havana, city council and citizens participated. Solemnities closed with silent

Mayor Yznaga, at Trintad, also tele graphed that memorial exercises were held there yesterday in commemoration of the destruction of the Maine. building of the Rio Grande road over Mar-shall Pass and through the Grand Canyon

SUPPLIES FOR THE CUBANS.

Given Sold the Donations. Acting Secretary of War Mciklejohn has cabled Gen. Brooke, at Havana, that the relief supply ship Comal will be sent back there with another cargo of supplies, and that hereafter all supplies of this character will be distributed under Gen. Brooke's di-

rection, "as complaints have been made that charitable supplies are sold by donees and come in competition with merchandise upon which duties have been paid." and come in competition with paid."
There was some question as to whether the Comal was needed with another cargo of supplies, and to settle this Mr. Melklejohn inquired of Gen. Erocke whether the Comal was needed with another supply. He promptly cabled in the affirmative, and the frecessary orders have been issued for a further shipment.

With Rebels Today.

portance of Daily Occurrence.

START HOME IN MORNING FEW CASUALTIES REPORTED

MANILA, February 16, 3:35 p.m.-A large body of the enemy, presumably reconnoitering, was discovered on the right of Brigadier General King's position near San Pedro Macati this morning. The entire brigade turned out and, after an exchange of volleys, the rebels retreated into the jungle and disappeared.

AMERICAN TROOPS IN CAMP,

Slight Skirmishes With the Insurgents of Frequent Occurrence.

MANILA, February 16, 11:20 a.m.-Since the American line reached the natural defenses of Manila no further advance has been made. The American troops are now in camp along the line, and in many places they are temporarily intrenched. Occasional brushes take place between small bodies of the enemy and our scouting parties, which is the only excitement. Troops K and I of the 4th Cavalry encountered the enemy's scouts yesterday near Paranaque and exchanged volleys with the rebls. Trooper Wiltner of K Troop was younded in the right arm. The United States armed transport Buf-

falo last night fired four small shells at the enemy, having discovered, by the use of her searchlight, that the rebels were mounting a battery near Paranaque. The rebels did not reply, but withdrew their guns to Paranaque.

guns to Paranaque.

The transports Brutus and Romolus have arrived here from Hoilo. They did not bring any late: news, except that the American authorities are clearing vessels from there, showing that they have assumed control of the port. The rebels burned all the records before vacating Hoilo. It is rumored that the Filipinos are in sore straits in the interior and are now quarreling among themselves. It is impos-sible to confirm this, as all communication

with the interior is cut off. COMAL HAD STORMY PASSAGE.

Transport Brought Fourteen Discharged Soldiers-One Man Injured. NEW YORK, February 16.-The Mallory ine steamer Comal, under charter to the United States quartermaster's department as a supply vessel to carry provisions to Cuba, arrived this morning from Havana after a rough passage of four and a half days. She brought fourteen discharged soldiers and nine men belonging to the 7th

Artillery, who act as a guard on board the ng off her lines in Havana harbor, one of the guards named Wm. Miller of the 7th Artillery got entangled in the hawser and had his foot cut off at the ankle. He was transferred to the United States h

thip Missouri for surgical treatment. MUST FIGHT FOR RESPECT.

St. James Gazette Comments on Failure of High Commission.

LONDON, February 16.-The St. James Gazette this afternoon, commenting upon the report that the work of the join American-British-Canadian high commis sion may have no practical result, thinks it is not altogether a bad thing that the deliberations of the Anglo-American commission at Washington have reached a highly critical stage, or even that there is talk of danger that they will be broken off for a time, and says:
"We wish for the friendship of the United rever, February 14."

States, but we cannot have it at the price of the sacrifice of the interests of Canada Experience of over a century has taught us that surrender and backing out is not the way to win friendship or even respect.'

TO SETTLE CONTEST IN UTAH.

Powers and King Make McCune Proposition to Withdraw. SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, February 16 .-

In order to bring the long-drawn-out senaatorial contest to a close, Judge Powers and Representative King last night agreed to withdraw from the contest provided Mc-Cune would withdraw and give the democrats an opportunity to select some other candidate that would receive the united support of the party.

McCune personally would not consent to such an agreement, but said he would refer

the matter to his supporters. No further action has been taken.

ENGLAND SENDS AN ULTIMATUM.

Sultan of Oman Called Down for Leasing a Port. BOMBAY, February 16.-The Persian Gulf mail steamer, which has just arrived

here, brings news that a British ultimatum was presented to the Sultan of Oman on Saturday, owing to his having leased to France a coaling station on the coast of Oman, which is a semi-independent state in southeast Arabia. Oman is considered to under British protection, as the sultan has been receiving a subsidy from Great

PRESIDENT RIOS RESIGNS Owing to Popular Criticism of the Paris Peace Treaty.

MADRID, February 16 .- Senor Montero Rios, who was president of the Spanish peace commission, has resigned the presidency of the senate owing to the popular outery against his defense of the com-

Death of John A. McMurtrie. DENVER, Col., February 16.-John A. McMurtrie, the millionaire railroad contractor, is dead at his home in this city of blood poisoning, caused by an abscess. He devised the plans and superintended the

of the Arkansas, admittedly some of the most remarkable feats of railroad engineer-

some of Those to Whom Relief Was Democratic Banquet Postponed. ST. LOUIS, February 16.-Telegrams have been sent out to various persons in the states of the Louisiana purchase district who had accepted invitations to attend the banquet in Washington next Saturday, notifying them that the banquet had been postponed until February 25, on a count of the inclemency of the weather.

> Capt. J. Pinckney Smith Dend. NEW ORLEANS, February 16.-Capt. J. Pinckney Smith, formerly agent of the Southern Associated Press in this city, and one of the owners of the Daily States, died last night of la grippe, contracted in St. Louis.

Capt. Sumner Appoints Board to Investigate the Affair,

Now Estimated That the Loss Will Reach \$700,000-Model of Maine Was Saved.

NEW YORK, February 16 .- Capt. Sumner, acting commandant of the New York navy yard, appointed the following board of inquiry today to look into the cause of last night's fire: Capt. Merrill Miller of the Vermont, Capt. Nichol Ludlow of the Massachusetts, Chief Engineer George E. Burd of the Vermont and Lieut. H. K. Hines of the ordnance department. The inquiry will

be begun today. is difficult to say just what is lost. The department of construction, however, will not be crippled. The four hundred men who worked in the ruined buildings can be kept right at work by distribution in the remaining buildings. None of the men will be laid off. The fire will necessarily delay repairs on several of the ships now here, as the work cannot proceed with the usual speed. The original model of the Maine was not destroyed. It is safely stored in the garret of the construction building." Today's estimate of the loss by the fire is \$700,000.

SERVICES REQUIRED NO LONGER.

General Officers Honorably Discharged From the Volunteer Army. The following bulletin was posted at the

War Department today:

15, 1899,

February 16, 1899. By direction of the President, the followng-named general officers are honorably lischarged from the volunteer army of the United States, to take effect from the dates set opposite their respective names, their services being no longer required; Major General Matthew C. Butler, April

War Department,

6th United States Cavalry), April 15, 1809. Brigadler General Jacob Kline (colonel, 21st United States Infantry), March 15, 1809. Brigadler General William J. McKee, March 15, 1809. Brigadier General John A. Wiley, March 15, 1899.

Major General Samuel S. Sumner (colonel,

Brigadier General James R. Lincoln, March 15, 1899. Brigadier General Richard Comba (colonel, 5th United States Infantry), April 15, 1899. Such of the officers named as have aids Such of the officers named as have alds will relieve them and direct them to report to the adjutant general of the army. The general officers, exclusively of the volunteers, will proceed to their homes; those of the permanent establishment will join their regiments. The travel enjoined is necessary for the public services.

necessary for the public service.

G. D. MEIKLEJOHN,

Acting Secretary of War.

SOLDIERS' CONDITION. Reports to the War Department by

Generals Otis and Brooke. The following telegram was received at this morning "MANILA, February 16, 1899. Adjutant General, Washington.

"Harvey H. Harris, B. 20th Kansas flesh wound left leg, doing well. John Sorensen, 1st Montana, reported probably dead, is alive; both eyes shot away; condition fair. Cable 7th reporting William J. Hayes, G. 1st Washington, wounded slightly, is error. Oval F. Gibson Company E. 1st Washington, reported missing, found with sprained leg. Corp. Hayes, 1st Montana, cabled 6th

Gen. Brooke today cabled the following

from Havana: Death report February 14, at Santiago Private Charles Campbell, G, 5th Volun teers, peritonitis, from wound in abdomen Private George Garr, E. 23d Kansas, dy February II, at Havana, Private Pat

A DESERTED MANSION

as missing, is with company.

Galy Col. Montgomery on Guard at the White House.

With the exception of a few sightseers the White House was deserted today in its public quarters. The President, Mr. Porter and Mr. Cortelyou were in Boston; Major Pruden came early and remained but a few moments and Col. B. F. Montgomery represented the administration in the telegraph coom. There was direct communication established between this important apartment of the Executive Mansion and th Hotel Turin in Boston, where President Mc-Kinley is staying, and everything of importance which might require his personal

attention was wired there at once. The expectation at the White House that the President would have a long vacation after Congress adjourned and be given the opportunity to secure needed rest, relaxation and recreation has given place to a certain impression that he will be required to undergo the strain longer still. In addinistration circles the conviction is proound that an extra session of Cong inevitable, and the same belief prevails among senators and experienced represen-tatives. Old legislative stagers like Senator Chandler declare positively that there for Chandler declare positively that there will be an extra session, and it is stated on excellent authority that President McKinley reached the same conclusion, distasteful as it is, before he departed for Boston.

THE CITY POST OFFICE.

Investigation as to Its Construction to Begin Next Monday.

The investigation into the methods of construction of the new city post office in this city will begin next Monday morning. Senator Wellington, chairman of the subcommittee on public buildings and grounds of the Senate, charged with making this investigation, has arranged to have former Superintendent Steward of the new post office building before his committee on Monday, and the testimony Mr Steward gives will large'y be a guide to the character and scope of the investigation. Mr. Steward had gone to Cuba when the investigation was finally ordered by the Senate, he was sent for and arrived here a few days ago. Besides Mr. Wellington, the subcommittee to make the investigation consists

of Senators Turner and Rawlins. MARKET QUOTATIONS.

The Blizzard Sends Prices of Most Commodities Skyward.

The effect of the cold weather is still felt in the markets, and the prices in some cases are still very high. In some local stores yesterday afternoon eggs were quoted at 75 cents per dozen, and this was paid by those who needed them. Meat went up and kept up. Pork chops, for fliustration, are selling at 25 cents per pound. Round steak on acis bringing the same figure, and meats of all kinds are propertionately high. Not a shovel can be bought at many of

the hardware stores. The supply was exhausted several days ago. The stock of rubber boots and arctics is also exhausted. Rubber overshoes are nearly sold out in many sections, and caps with ear protecters are rarely found.

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BROOKLYN NAVY YARD FIRE CLOSING THE WORK

Arrangements for Distribution of Star Pound Party Funds.

THROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND PCLICE

An Emergency Relief Expedition

Makes Rounds Today.

THE GREAT SUFFERING

A committee, consisting of W. B. Powell, superintendent of the public schools of the Naval Constructor Bowles said today; "It District; Major Richard Sylvester, chief of police; Herbert W. Lewis, superintendent of charkies; Geo. S. Wilson, secretary of the Associated Charities, and Rudolph Kauffmann and J. Whit Herron of The Evening Star, held a meeting at The Evening Star office yesterday afternoon for the purpose of deciding upon the best method of expending such funds of The Evening



"Big shoes, but good shoes."

Star pound party as may be on hand, after the books of the party have been closed. It was estimated by the treasurer of the funds, Mr. Herron, that, after paying the bills for providing immediate relief of all the suffering poor that could be cared for directly through the pound party channels, there would be a cash balance of between \$3,000 and \$4,000 on hand. As this money had been donated by generous citizens for emergency relief it was deemed necessary to devise the best means of car-The gentlemen of the co were not connected with The Evening Star were asked to after the meeting, in order that the organizers of the pound ; arty might have the benefit of their experience in such matters. After a careful consideration of the situation, Secretary Wilson offered the following resolution, which was

unanimously adopted: "Resolved, That In order to comply with the wishes of contributors to provide relief for the needy as soon as possible, the dever supervising principals of the public schools and the chief of police be selected as the agencies for the expenditure of such funds of The Evening Star pound party as may be on hand after the close of the pound

party." Secretary Wilson, in offering the resolu ion, referred to the remarkable success of the pound party of The Evening Star Santa Claus Club of 1806, when the supervising principals were the disbursing agents of the Santa Claus Club, and were able to afford prompt relief to all sections of the city. It was further pointed out that on hat occasion great good was accomplished in providing shoes for poor children as well as supplies for families in want of some

It was the general opinion of the committee that no better means of giving immediate help could be devised than on the lines followed in 1806. Superintendent Powell



"See me coat, Bill." stated that he would at once authorize the

supervising principals to assume charge of the work in their respective districts and also to take upon themselves the responsi bility of distributing The Star pound party supplies left at the branch pound party depots in the public school buildings of their respective districts designated by the superintendent. In compliance with the above resolution, which was passed, the treasurer, Mr. Herron, today forwarded a check for \$200 to each of the supervising principals and to the chief of police, in order that the good work might be commenced at once. It was further stated that additional money would be sent them when the apportionment of the funds had been decided upon. The same amount will not be sent to each principal, as some districts have many more poor residents than others. Therefore the same system will be followed as was adopted by the pound party of '96, of giving the most-money to the most needy districts.

Relief Expedition. A relief expedition went out from The Star pound party building on 11th street near the avenue this morning. It consisted of two well-clad volunteers with a sleigh full of the pounds that have been sent in

world. That is, it is regularly delivered by carriers to permanent subscribes to the largest percentage of residences in the city. This is a pointer of value to advertisers. Householders and mem-

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